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Mr. Vishwanath Ji, if you go through the stock market position, you will find that they are manipulating the market by purchasing their own shares, jacking up the shares and paying dividends from the deposits and the interests collected. I want an inquiry to be made into the stock market to find out what I am saying is correct or not.

I would like to make one more suggestion. You give mini-concessions in this Finance Budget to the synthetic cloth manufacturers to make the synthetic cloth cheaper. Here, I have got a data about the book value, present market value etc. The Reliance book value is 59, market value maximum is 393 and 667 per cent in its growth. Century Rayons—book value is 743, market price is 1155 and growth is 155.

SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL : What about the Bombay Dyeing?

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI : I am coming to Bombay Dyeing. You have to wait. How can everything come in one moment? It is not Gujarat versus Maharashtra.

J. K. Synthetic—book value is 98, present market value is 92 and growth is 93 per cent. I am not going through other companies like the TISCO etc. I am only giving you suggestions Mr. Finance Minister. One suggestion is that the shares of the Synthetic manufacturers, particularly those of the Reliance are not related to its real value, but are related to an artificial value. Within the past two or three days. The Reliance has purchased Rs. 10 lakh worth of shares of their own and the total purchase during one and a half months is Rs. 39 lakhs. (*Interruptions*) Then, Sir, other motor manufacturers have purchased their own shares.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN) : It is 6 O'Clock. We will take up Half-an-Hour discussion now. Please take your seat.

6 P. M.

Now, I request the hon. Minister for Parliamentary Affairs to make an announcement.

ANNOUNCEMENT RE. THE EXTENSION OF THE CURRENT SESSION OF THE RAJYA SABHA

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : Sir, with your permission, I rise to inform the House that it has been decided to extend the current session of the Rajya Sabha by two days for the transaction of important Government Legislative Business. Accordingly, the House will sit on Monday, the 8th and Tuesday, the 9th December, 1986.

HALF-AN-HOUR DISCUSSION ON POINTS ARISING OUT OF THE ANSWERS GIVEN IN THE RAJYA SABHA ON 10TH NOVEMBER, 1986, TO STARRED QUESTION 91 AND UNSTARRED QUESTIONS 712 AND 713 REGARDING PUBLICATION OF ARTICLES WITH REGARD TO RELIANCE INDUSTRIES

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN) : Now, we will take up half-an-hour discussion. Mr. A. G. Kulkarni.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY (Tamil Nadu): Sir, one point. Because of the Delhi bandh today, no bus transport is available. The staff may find it very difficult to go...

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI (Maharashtra): No postponement.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : I am not asking for adjournment. I am not coming in your way. I am just requesting the Government to make some transport arrangement for the staff.

SHRI THANGABAALU (Tamil Nadu) : Even Members of Parliament are also facing same problem. I support Mr. Gopalsamy's point.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN) : Already 8 Members have given their names. But every one of them are going to speak for 15-20 minutes. Even upto 8 O'clock nobody can go. I would request the other Members not to

ke more than five minutes so that it can e restricted within an hour's time. Even ough it is half-an-hour discussion, we ill be able to leave at 7 O'clock.

SOME HON. MEMBERS : Postpone it.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI : I am not repared to postpone it. I have moved motion. Under the rules nothing can be ostponed.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI G. WAMINATHAN) : Regarding this dis-ussion, let the Member speak then the linister will reply. With that we will lose within half-an-hour.

SHRI KALPNATH RAI (Uttar Pra-esh) : How can you do like that ? We hall have to speak. It cannot be over vithin half-an-hour. (*Interruptions*).

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI G. WAMINATHAN) : What I am saying is hat, if you wanted to go early then we an do in that way.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : The nly thing is that time can be controlled y the Members who are participating in he discussion.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI G. WAMINATHAN) : What I said was vithin five minutes if every hon. Member an finish, then, we can conclude within n hour's time.

SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL (Gujarat) : Mr Vice-Chairman, Sir, these issues have been debated in this House a number of times and a very lengthy eply was given by the Minister. So there s no use of discussing everything here.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : After a careful perusal only the Chairman has permitted this half-an-discussion.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN) : It has already been permitted for half-an-hour discussion. So I would only plead with the Members that they should be very brief so that we can conclude very early... (*Interruptions*). I will be very happy. But the Members should cooperate... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI : Sir, as per the rules, I have been permitted to raise the discussion. So I will take 20 minutes to explain my point... (*Interruptions*).

SOME HON. MEMBERS : What about others ?

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI : The procedure is, 20 minutes are taken by the mover. Then each Member is allowed to ask 2-3 questions. (*Interruptions*).

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN) : Some Members wanted postponement. Since it has already been permitted, we cannot postpone it. Some Members wanted to go and I said we will conclude it as early as possible. That would mean you should cooperate and other Members also should cooperate. So if you say you want to take 20 minutes, then, the other Members will say they want to speak for 15 minutes. You minimise your speech as much as possible so that we will conclude it as early as possible. Then the whole thing will go upto 8 O'clock and everybody will be in a problem.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI : All right, Sir, I will cooperate.

Sir, the discussion as listed, appeared in the "Indian Express" and other papers also. I am raising this discussion not because it is Reliance Company, but I would have raised it even if it would have been any company. I am against the system of sabotaging the entire Government department for a personal gain of one industrail house or any other industrial house. I am neither for Reliance Industries nor against it but I am against the system and please see, the Members who are more interested should take note of what I say and they can go ahead with whatever conclusion they draw. One question raised by me was regarding the Indian Express about the catalyst permission for Rs. 38 crores for the Paraxylene plant. This Paraxylene plant was permitted to the Reliance Indusries. Here, Sir. I quoe :

> "The project was cleared by D.G.T.D. on 6-9-84 as seen on page 80 of file No. OC & PC/BAR-3(56)/Bar-84 and the letter of intent was granted."

Sir, the Company surreptitiously again within a fortnight, moved an application

for import licence for capital goods and foreign collaboration for manufacture of Paraxylene. They got the permission. Then immediately with the PTA, Paraxylene also joined together. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Mr. Kulkarni, you are giving wrong information.

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV (Maharashtra): About which Company you are talking about. You have said, not about this Company or that Company. Then about which Company, you are talking about.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: My dear friends, the discussion is on Indian Express news item on Reliance Industries. You just have patience. Then, Sir, DGTD on page 12 of that file have stated, they have used the word relience itself. We would like to mention that we are exploring the maximum possibility of indigenisation. That is the word Reliance appeared in the Government files itself as officers view. I can name the concerned officers but I do not want to name them just now. Then, Sir, finally, the DGTD declared the imports and foreign collaboration without insisting on these companies taking out an industrial licence. So, Sir, although the PTA plant was licenced, the Paraxylene plant, alongwith it, was not licenced, but it was surreptitiously brought and Rs. 38 crores foreign exchange was released for it. (*Interruption*). The P.T.A. is a product and Paraxylene is also a product. Sir, there is a smuggling of a plant worth Rs. 100 crores. Sir, the Government in the DGTD department appointed Mr. Grover to examine this plant. Mr. Grover is vitally concerned in sanctioning this plant but it is for the Government to examine it. Sir. the original capacity was 10,000 tonnes. Further, it was increased to 25,000 tonnes and finally the capacity was increased to 50,000 tonnes. Surreptitiously, how this capacity was increased is in the Government files and the Committee was made to accept that and Sir, when the 75,000 capacity was given, the Dupans, the original corraborators were given collaboration fee for 50,000 tonnes only. That shows that the capacity has been increased surreptitiously. The Government has appointed a Committee. I want to know what is the Report of the Grover Committee? Then, Sir, another question here is about Rs. 25 crores power plant. For Paraxylene, they have imported certain capital goods machinery. In that Sir, as per their own application, they say that at page 24 of the file, it is clear that the items freely given are steam turbine and a boiler. We have received three gifts from John and Brown Company, they say and the value of 25 k.w. plant has been assessed by the Indian Express at Rs. 25 crores. In this, whether the Government, the Industry Ministry and the DGTD have become the collaborators of the Reliance and from when, Mr. Kapur, Mr. Ramaswami and Mr. Kamatra, all these officers are concerned? If you want, I can place the file on the table of the House. They can go through these files. Here, as has been mentioned, the entire plant has been gifted. Sir, you will agree that nobody gifts even the nib of a pen. How could the plant be gifted? That is another aspect of the *Indian Expres article.* Sir, here I have the zerox copy of the file extract. If the Minister requires, I would produce th ezerox copy of the file for his information.

Then another aspect is about the catalyst. The catalyst was applied for, for Rs. 33.67 crores, while the Government Task Force suggested only Rs. 32 lakhs. Mr. Minister, please listen to me. The Salimpur public sector project has been sanctioned only for a very minimum amount. This catalyst should have been given for Rs. 16 lakhs. But Rs. 33.67 crores had been recommended. But because the Under Secretary and the Secretary of the Finance Department objected, the DGTD could not clear it. I would give you the various dates. I quote: "The DGTD told a lie that the Salimpur process was different from that of Reliance." This is from the minutes of 13-3-86. The Salimpur project has got the same process as that of Reliance. Sir, the Petroleum Ministry and the DGTD are playing the same role of helping this company. For what consideration? What was the nexus? Why didn't the Industry Minister at that time, Mr. Tiwari, put his foot down? This is from DGTD file No. OC/PC/3/(56)/84, on page 4. Why did the DGTD tell such a lie? The last point is, in the meeting on August 24, 1986, under the chairman-

ship of the Petrochemicals Secretary, it was decided to recommend the proposal which was objected to by the Finance Ministry.

SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL : What about Bombay Dyeing ?

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI : You bring about Bombay Dyeing. I do not know who is Bombay Dyeing. Perhaps you know. If you knew Mr. Patel, you bring it. I am speaking about the system. Nobody should act as if he is interested either in Reliance or in Bombay Dyeing.

SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL : You are doing it. I am not doing it.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI : No, I am not.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN): Please allow the Member to speak. Don't interrupt.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI : Don't interrupt. That is the parliamentary system. Please try to listen. I am not for or against Reliance. But Reliance has subverted, has corrupted and has nexus with DGTD and Petrochemicals. Don't provoke me. I have given you the file numbers. If the Finance Minister wants these file numbers, I can give them again. But Reliance's paraxylene plant has been brought without any industrial licence. There is no industrial licence at all. They took it as expansion. Reliance is an MRTP company. But they avoided it and took it as an expansion and took another licence. The DGTD officers should be punished, penalised and dismissed forthwith.

SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL : If they have done anything wrong, they will be punished.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI : Are you the Minister or what ?

The plant worth Rs. 100 crores was smuggled by this company. Government appointed a committee of eight officers with Grover. I want that the report of the Grover Committee should be placed on the Table of the House and the Minister has to take the responsibility. Who is this Grover ? Has Grover anytime signed the DGTD papers on which he has concurred ? There is Grover there is Ramaswamy, Kawatra, the Petro-Chemicals Minister, Ministry officials, D. V. Kapur—Kapur also is concerned with it. Mr. Jaichandra, your Ministry and this Ministry have colluded together in the entire affair, particularly in the paraxylene plant, PTA plant, catalyst, 25 kw plant. Because indigenous angle was required, they asked Reliance whether it was available with BHEL. the Secretary says he inquired from BHEL and BHEL said they cannot produce but BHEL claims they can produce up to 500 kw plants. So I demand, you look into all this fraud, this collusion between DGTD and Petro-Chemicals Ministry officials. A CBI inquiry should be ordered, and if they have subverted the entire Government system, they have to pay the price. They have gone a step further. In the Finance Ministry shares worth Rs. 30 lakhs have been cornered by this company. Out of that Rs. 10 lakhs have been purchased only two days back...

SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL : How did you become an expert in the share market ?

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI : Because the four commission agents of Reliance have purchased the shares and given the names of those purchasers but luckily the Finance Minister is a very brave man, he is an honest man, he has frozen the purchases and delivery has not been taken. Dhirubhai Ambani purchased Rs. 30 lakh worth shares. He says let them take delivery and pay the money. They are waiting for Rs. 400 crores debentures to be sold. They will do. The prices are going down.... *(Interruptions by Shri Vithalbhai Motiram Patel)*

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN) : I would request the honourable Member not to interrupt like this.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI : With all your shouting, Mr. Motiram Patel, you are not helping him.

Therefore, Sir, I have given all the file numbers. I have made out my case. The Minister has now got all the file numbers, in every case, whether it is paraxylene,

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PTA, 25 kw plant, import of catalyst. Now, here is a reply from the Government: "Not other Indian party for collaboration applied." This is the reply to Question No. 713. Government must be ashamed. This is the Ministry of Industry. Don't you know that Bharat Petroleum, your own company, applied in 1979 for paraxylene and you have not sanctioned it...

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: 1979? You were in power at that time. Your friends, Janata Party, were in power at that time.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Janata Party might be a fool. I am not a Janata Party member...

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Yo are always moving with fools.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Mr. Vice-Chairman, my point is...

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: He has protected the interests of his brother. His brother is in Bombay Dyeing, another company. I am not interested either in this company or in that company. But my friend has been instigated by some company and is putting charges on other companies. I request the honourable Member to be impartial whether it is his brother's company or some other's.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: My brother was with Swadeshi Polytex. He is a textile man. He has got nothing to do with DMT or PTA or paraxylene. You don't know what is paraxylene perhaps. My brother is a Manchester chemist.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN): You please address the Chair. Do not talk in between. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: It is very ridiculous to suggest. (*Interruptions*). Sir, it is very ridiculous for a Member to suggest that it is because my brother is in somebody's service. Sir, we might be middle-class people, we might be poor people. But we have not sold our conscience. Our conscience is still alive. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI JASWANT SINGH (Rajasthan): Sir, there is a substantial point of propriety involved in this. Members may have, Members, can have, one view, another view or not have any view at all on a particular matter. But, Sir, for any honourable Member to suggest that a gentleman like Apa Kulkarni, who has been in this House for very many years, is merely motivated and is articulating a concern which we all share only because of some relationship is highly demeaning. I would request the honourable Member not to make such imputations and, certainly, Sir, this House cannot work on the basis of imputations of this kind. I would request you, Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, not to allow such things.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN): The rules are that no motives should be imputed to any Member and it is not fair on the part of anybody to impute motives.

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: I do not impute motives. (*Interruptions*). I am not mentioning his brother's name. His brother's name is already there. (*Interruptions*). It is motivated. (*Interruptions*).

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN): I do wish to tell you that no motive should be imputed to any Member and if you are going to impute any motives, then that becomes an allegation and if an allegation is to be made, the Chair must be informed. (*Interruptions*). So, you should not impute motives to the honourable Member. That will not be fair.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Thank you very much, Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir. Sir, I challenge Mr. Jadhav to prove that there is motive and if he proves that there is any motive, I will resign from this House. (*Interruptions*). I will resign from this House. Sir, I am a Member of this House of a long standing, of 17 years' standing and all along I have been fighting against the late L. N. Mishra, against the Birlas and against everybody. But, Mr. Jadhav, you are a new comer to this House. If you can prove that my brother has got anything to do with this, I will be happy. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV : Then who is this M. G. Kulkarni ? When you are challenging me. I have to ask who this M. G. Kulkarni is ? (*Interruptions*).

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN) : No, Mr. Jadhav. It is not proper. Simply because somebody working somewhere happens to be his brother, you cannot say that and it is not proper. (*Interruptions*). You please sit down. It is not fair. His brother may be working in some company. That does not mean that you can impute motives to him. I do not think it is fair. I will not allow. Yes, Mr. Kulkarni, you please conclude now.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI : I am before the bar of the people. If anything is proved against me, I will resign from the Rajya Sabha and serve the Rajya Sabha in any capacity that the Members may wish. This is my challenge to you, Mr. Jadhav. You prove a single instance in my life where I have compromised my conscience for pleading somebody else's case. I fought against the Coca-Cola when that matter came up here. But we never did this sort of a thing. For heaven's sake, don't talk loosely.

Anyway, Sir, what I want to say is this : I have made out a case against these four items. I would request the Government to institute a CBI inquiry into the whole matter. I am saying this because if these industrialists, whether it is the Reliance people, whether it is Bombay Dyeing or Tatas or Birlas or the JK people, are manipulating the share markets, if they are manipulating the DGTD officers and if they are manipulating the officers in the Department of Chemicals and Petro-Chemicals in the Ministry of Industry, it should be inquired into and the political connections of these people should be gone into through a CBI inquiry.

Sir, I have done, But, Sir I am very sorry about this. In my parliamentary career of about seventeen years, such foolish statement I have never heard Thank you, Sir.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN) : Now, reply by the honourable Minister.

SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA (West Bengal) : Sir, I have a submission to make.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN) : Yes.

SHRI GURU DAS DAS GUPTA : Sir, I may be allowed to make a submission.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN) : Mr. Minister, just wait. The honourable Member wants to make a submission. Yes, Mr. Gupta.

SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA : Sir, I do not want to express my opinion about the merits of the discussion now which this House is continuing with. But I wish to draw your attention and the attention of honourable Members here to the simple fact if the House sits late, then a number of poor workers and employees will not be able to go home because there is no public transport today. Therefore, considering the inconvenience to the poor employees and workers having no transport of their own and being put in a situation where the Government itself has withdrawn the public transport, I will request you, Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, as well as the Members to see that this important discussion is shortened as much as possible so that the poor workers and the employees are not put to much inconvenience.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN) : We have already informed the House and Members about that. Reply by the hon. Minister. (*Interruptions*). The rule is that in Half-an-Hour discussion first it will be replied by the hon. Minister, and other Members can seek some clarifications later on.

श्री कल्पनाथ राय : आदरणीय उपसभाध्यक्ष जब आपने डिसकशन अलौ कर दिया, तो और मेम्बर्ज भी इसमें भाग लेंगे और अंत में मिनिस्टर साहब बोलेंगे । (**व्यवधान**) सुनिये, रूल मत कोट कीजिए। रूल्ज से ही हाउस नहीं चलता है। . . . . (**व्यवधान**) अभी यह नये पार्लियामेंट्री मिनिस्टर हैं . . यहां सब रूल्ज से ही नहीं चलता है, बहुत सी बातें कनवेंशन से चलती हैं।

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN) : It is not like that. It

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is half-an-hour discussion. We have to follow the Rules. After the Minister's reply Members can ask for clarifications.

श्री कल्पनाथ राय : आप इसको पोस्टपोन कीजिए या फिर इस पर बोलने दीजिए। .... (**व्यवधान**) बोलने तो दीजिए ना। पहले मेम्बर्ज बोल लेंगे, इसके बाद यह रेप्लाई करेंगे।

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : If we have to answer the questions later on, it will be better if you allow the Members to first speak and then we will reply to all.

SHRI KALPNATH RAI : We want only five minutes, everybody. आप कैसी बात करते हैं। आदरणीय उपसभाध्यक्ष जी, कृपया रूल मत कोट कीजिए, जो यहां का कनवेंशन है, आप उसको मानिये।

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN) : All right. That also will save time.

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA (Uttar Pradesh) : You can suspend the Rules.

श्री कल्पनाथ राय : कभी हाउस में कोरम का सवाल नहीं उठाया जाता है, फिर भी यह हाउस चलता है। रूल्ज में तो कोरम है। .. (**व्यवधान**)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN) : That is what I am saying.

SHRI KALPNATH RAI : Let everybody speak.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN) : I agree with you. (*Interruptions*) I agree to what you are saying. You don't listen to what I say but you go on speaking. I agree to your suggestion. The Members should confine themselves to five minutes to avoid hardship caused to the people who have to go home and who have no transport. Mr. Jaswant Singh.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH : Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir. I would confine myself precisely to five minutes, but it will be difficult to cope with interruptions. The point that is being made out by the earlier speakers is that without going into the technicalities and the various chemical terms involved, what we are engaged in today is not as artisans of one industrial concern or another. The fortunes of one industrial concern or another are really the business and concern of either the shareholders or of the promoters. If, however, in the process of setting up a concern, in the process of enterprise it even begins to appear with due process of law, that whatever we have established by way of propriety, in the acts of the business world, world of finance and world of industry have been compromised, if there is such a compromise, then certainly this House is well within its rights to be engaged of that suggestion, allegation, that those aspects have been compromised. Therefore, when any Member, whether from this side or from the treasury benches—because I have no doubt in my mind that there are many amongst the treasury benches who are equally seized, equally concerned with what has taken place—feel concerned, then that is a motivated concern. The last thing that I would suggest is that the hon. Minister is himself either indifferent to or not cognizant of or is not taking seriously what has taken place. With that preface, Sir, this evening's discussion is really about answers to Question Nos. 91, 712 and 713. It is for the purpose of recollecting. I do not want to read out the whole question. 91 relates to an enquiry which asks the Government about articles appearing in a certain newspaper. The articles are based on certain governmental files and what is the Government's reaction to it. I do believe that the answer is unsatisfactory because it says, among two or three other lines, that an inquiry has been ordered into the matter. This is somewhat misleading. Reasonably enough, an inquiry should be ordered as to how confidential Government documents were reproduced. This is the first aspect of the inquiry so ordered. So, obviously enough, it becomes an inquiry as to how Government documents which are supposedly confidential have found their way to a newspaper. I think the whole purpose of this question is defeated if the inquiry is limited to that. The Government must, in

turn, also further inquire whether the allegations contained in those newspaper articles have any basis or are without any basis. It is a matter of public information which we are entitled to. We have thereafter a right to know whether the allegations contained in those newspaper articles are right or wrong. This is a simple matter of our right to information which this House can certainly claim. That is the other aspect of the importance of this debate. I shall not go into the technicalities of the various aspects of these chemicals which are being produced. I would limit mayself to five minutes, as you have told me.

The history of this whole feud that is taking place is apparently well enough known. My esteemed colleague, friend and a very senior Member of this House has taken a great deal of trouble to lay certain facts before the House and to bring this to the notice of the Minister concerned. Therefore, I think, in all fairness, the Minister must set at rest all the doubts created by the hon. previous speaker. I shall not repeat all those things. I shall also not go into the complicated machinations that have taken place to set up an industrial empire. The incontrovertible fact is that a smell emanates from the whole affair and the smell is not a pleasant smell. We have a *kahawat* which is not unknown to all of us. बिना आग के धूंआं नहीं होता। तो अब धूंआं है। मैं मंत्री महोदय से निवेदन करूंगा कि या तो आप उस आग को बुझाइये और अगर आप कोशिश करेंगे कि उस आग को नहीं बुझायें और धुंएं को भी ढक लें, तो दोनों काम सम्भव नहीं हैं।

I repeat that from this whole affair now emanates an unpleasant odour and the Government would be well advised to come forward with a comprehensive statement. It cannot come forward with a comprehensive statement because, unlike its counterpart in the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of industry is not taking initiative to enquire comprehensively into all this. If the Ministry of Finance had found it necessary, prudent, advisable and in good order that indeed the right thing to do was to order an inquiry into the financial aspect of this entire unsavoury episode, the Ministry of Industry, another arm of the same Government, would also be well advised to do the same thing.

Now I come to specific questions. There were allegations made about smuggling in of a 100-crore plant. I do not know whether it is 100 crores or it is 10 crores or it is 10 rupees. But an allegation is made that there is smuggling involved. I would like to know, therefore, whether here is any smuggling involved, what is the value of the plant so imported, so smuggled in, so surreptitiously brought in. There are some incontrovertible facts. The original capacity granted to this industrial concern was about 10,000 tonnes. The original imported plant which might not have been in order was of 25,000 tonnes. This licence is increased to 25,000 tonnes and another 25,000 tonnes. For importing the balancing equipment, then there is a second import granted to it of yet another 25,000 tonnes. And with this 25,000 tonnes, at that time the actual import takes place of 50,000 tonnes. That is the skeleton of this whole structure. The third unauthorised plant is then, to my information, imported as part of the polyester fibre plant, the rest as laboratory equipment, etc. Therefore, my specific questions are : What investigations has the Government made into these allegations? They are not flippant allegations; they certainly merit investigations. If those investigations have been made, what are they and what are the consequences? We would like to be informed. And if a Committee has been appointed--my esteemed previous speaker mentioned certain names of certain officials, etc.; I would resist from doing that—nevertheless, I would like to know whether a Committee of officials so appointed actually visited the plant or did it not visit the plant or did it arrive at its report or findings without visiting the plant. Thirdly, what were the findings of the Technical Committee? Will the hon. Minister, therefore, apprise us of the findings of the Technical Committee? Fourthly, who did this Committee comprise of? Fifthly, have these plants so imported, legally if you say, been commissioned? I could go on, Sir, but I am aware of the time constraint and I am also aware that other speakers also want to participate in this.

Sir, there are three other aspects involved. One is the aspect of customs.

There is a revenue loss, provided all this is proven. And, therefore, the Ministry of Finance would be well advised to look into this all over again. There is an aspect of having perverted our systems. If that is so, then the Minister would be well advised to inform us about it. There is an aspect, an odour which is unpleasant of corruption in high places. If that is so, I would sincerely advise the Government to please come clean. Lay everything on the Table because the Treasury Benches could well barrack us today, they could barrack us tomorrow or the day after. But this odour will not go away.

श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : माननीय उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय, सबसे पहले तो मैं मंत्री जी का ध्यान आकर्षित करना चाहता हूं स्टार्ड क्वैश्चन नंबर 91 का जो अंग्रेजी में जवाब दिया है और जो हिन्दी में जवाब दिया है, उसकी ओर। इसमें अंग्रेजी में आपका जवाब है :

"The Government have seen these press reports." That is the reports appearing in newspapers in May; June, August and September this year.

जो हिन्दी वर्सन है, उसमें जवाब है आपका—"सरकार ने इन प्रेस रिपोर्टों को नहीं देखा है।" यह सरकारी कागज मेरे पास है और इस प्रकार दोनों में विरोधाभास है। तो पहले तो मैं यह जानना चाहता हूं कि जो मई, जून, अगस्त और सितम्बर में एक्सप्रेस ग्रुप आफ पेपर्स में जो समाचार छपे थे रिलायन्स इण्डस्ट्रीज के सिलसिले में, रिलायन्स लोन मेला के सिलसिले में, उस सिलसिले में कौनसा आपका जवाब सही है?

whether the Hindi version is correct or the English version is correct.

फिर उसके बाद मान्यवर, पार्ट "बी" और "सी" में कहा गया है :

"The reports which appeared during the month of September, 1986 contained certain extracts from official records of the Ministry of Industry. An inquiry has been ordered into this matter." And the question relates to very specific documents of the Government, secret documents and confidential documents.

आपने जवाब भी यह दिया है कि इस मामले की जांच की जा रही है। तो मेरा प्रश्न यह है कि जो सरकार के गुप्त और गोपनीय रिकार्ड हैं, उनका समाचार पत्रों में किस प्रकार से प्रकाशन हुआ? इससे साफ यह जाहिर है कि जिनके पास यह पत्रावली रहती है, जिनके पास यह रिकार्ड फायल रहती है, जिनकी कस्टडी में यह फायल रहती है, चाहे वह सरकारी अधिकारी हों या कर्मचारी हों, वही इसके दोषी हैं। बिना उनके षड्यंत्र के, बिना साजिश के यह काम समाचार पत्रों में नहीं जा सकता था, यह खबर समाचारपत्रों में नहीं जा सकती थी। करीब-करीब 15 ऐसे पेपर हैं, जिनमें ऐसे समाचार छपे हैं मई से लेकर सितम्बर, 1986 के बीच में तो मैं यह जानना चाहता हूं कि एक आफिसियल सीक्रेट एक्ट भी है, जिसके अनुसार अगरकोई सरकारी अधिकारी या कोई सरकारी कर्मचारी किसी गुप्त और गोपनीय सरकारी रिकार्ड को सार्वजनिक रूप से प्रकाशित कराने का षड्यंत्र करता है तो उसके खिलाफ थाने में रपट भी लिखानी चाहिए थी, जांच तो आप कर रहे हैं। एक तो मेरा प्रश्न यह है कि जांच किस मामले की कर रहे हैं। यह पीनल आफेन्स है आफीशियल सीक्रेट्स एक्ट के अन्तर्गत। इस सिलसिले में दिल्ली के किस पुलिस स्टेशन में किस अधिकारी के खिलाफ रपट लिखाई गई या नहीं लिखाई गई अगर लिखाई गई तो किस-किस के खिलाफ लिखाई गई और अगर नहीं लिखाई गई तो इसके क्या कारण हैं।

श्री शंकर सिंह वाघेला (गुजरात) : वाइसचेयरमैन, सर, प्रश्न 91 मैंने पूछा था। पूछने की वजह यह थी कि जिस ढंग से देश की सरकारी फाइलों में से कागजात बाहर जाकर प्रेस में आ रहे हैं। इससे हमको स्ट्राइक हुआ कि प्रेस में न्यूज कहां से जाती है। एक-दो दिन लगातार यह चीज प्रेस में पढ़ते रहने के बाद मैं प्रधान मंत्री जी को पत्र लिखने वाला था कि आप जांच कीजिए, लेकिन प्रधान मंत्री जी के सरकार के हैड होने के बावजूद, जैसा कालकर्णी जी ने बताया, गवर्नमेंट में सैबोटेज होता है। सैबोटेज कंवर नारायण ने किया, माणिक लाल ने किया। अभी शिकायत हुई बड़े-बड़े बिजनेस हाउसेज के बारे में, दाम्बे डाइंग, रिलायंस और थापर के बारे में। दाम्बे डाइंग पर रेड हुआ, आफीसर ट्रांसफर हो गया। थापर पर रेड हुआ, प्रधान मंत्री तक बात चली जा रही है। आप बिड़ला की बात ले लीजिए, किर्लोस्कर की

बात ले लीजिए, जितने बड़े-बड़े हाउसेज हैं उनको बड़ा किसने बनाया? बड़े हाउसेज को बनाने की जिम्मेदारी यही कांग्रेस पार्टी है। इन्होंने ही रिलायंस को बड़ा बनाया है, बाम्बे डाइंग को, बिड़ला को, टाटा को बड़ा बनाया। रिलायंस वाला मामला है।

They are directly responsible for these big houses. Why are they blaming today?

तब मुझे यह महसूस हुआ कि यह कामर्शियल मामला है, प्रेस में लाना ठीक है। लेकिन डिफेंस का? वह कंवर नारायण पकड़ा गया। अगर यह चीज गवर्नमेंट के आफिस से निकल कर प्रेस में पहुंचती है तो मैं प्रधान मंत्री जी को पूछना चाहता था कि वह फाइल जिसके कपबर्ड में थी उस अफसर को पकड़िए। यह बात कहां से लीक हुई? जो भी फर्स्ट क्लास गजटेड अफसर इनवाल्व हों, जिन्होंने सीक्रेट लीक किए, प्रेस में दिए उनको पकड़िए। मैंने सोचा कि प्रधान मंत्री को पत्र लिखने का कोई मतलब नहीं है। इसलिए मैंने हाउस में क्वेशन दिया। जवाब जो मिला, जैसा जसवन्त सिंह जी ने बताया वह सन्तोषजनक नहीं है :

"An inquiry has been ordered into this matter."

मैं सी. बी. आई. की इनक्वायरी मांगता हूं। सरकार की इनक्वायरी पर भरोसा बचा नहीं। इसलिए जहां जहां इनक्वायरी की बात होती है सी. बी. आई. की इनक्वारी की बात चलती है। इसमें थोड़ा भरोसा बचा है। सी. बी. आई. की इनक्वायरी में जो जिम्मेदार पाए जाएं उनको कटघरे में खड़े करके जवाब लेना चाहिए।

दूसरे प्रश्न हैं जिनके बारे में कुलकर्णी जी ने पूछा है। मैं गुजरात से आता हूं। हमारे यहां आई. पी. सी. एल. बहुत बड़ा चल रहा है। मैंने पर्सनली पेट्रोकेमिकल्स, फार्मेस्यूटिकल्स की कन्सलटेटिव कमेटी सेलेक्ट की है। मेरा इन्टरेस्ट पी. टी. ए., डी. एम. टी. में है। टेक्नीकल बातों में मैं ज्यादा जाना नहीं चाहता। लेकिन इसमें जो सवाल पूछा है उसका जवाब है: "The decision on the Reliance proposal is yet to be taken."

सरकार को तय करना है कि कब निर्णय लेना है। लेकिन मैं पूछना चाहता हूं कि टेक्निकल नो-हाउ आज देश में पी. टी. ए. का नहीं है। रिलायंस ने 238 करोड़ टेक्निकल नो-हाउ के लिये दिये हैं। इसमें जो जवाब है 713 का, वह है :

"Government has not received any proposal for foreign collaboration from any other Indian party for manufacture of PTA."

आज दुनिया का जो ट्रेंड है स्पेशली पी. टी. ए. और डी. एम. टी. का

World trend is on the side of PTA, not DMT.

डी. एम. टी. कौन बनाता है। इसमें आई पी सी एल है और बांबे डाइंग भी है और एक कंपनी और आती है। लेकिन डीएमटी अपनी जगह पर बनता रहे और पब्लिक मरे, यह क्या है। महंगा जो कपड़ा बनता है उसका इस्तेमाल है और पी टी ए सस्ता है, अगर वह रिलायंस बनाता है या गवर्नमेंट बनाये, तो उसके लिये लाइसेंस दिया जाए। क्यों आप इसमें कोई मोनोपोली रखें। जब पी टी ए का ट्रेंड है तो डी एम टी को बचाने की क्या जरूरत है। इस लिये क्या आप पी टी ए का टेक्निकल नो हाउ इंपोर्ट कर के हमारे देश में पी टी ए को प्राधान्य देंगे?

श्री कल्पनाथ राय : यही तो लोग नहीं चाहते हैं।

श्री शंकर सिंह वाघेला : मैंने अपनी सेलेक्ट कमेटी में भी कहा था कि आप बड़े घरानों के झगड़े में मत पड़िये। वह अपनी जगह पर रहेंगे। लेकिन हमारा फारेन एक्सचेंज इसमें चला जाता है। तो मेरा प्रश्न है कि क्या आफिशियल सीक्रेट एक्ट के तहत सी. बी. आई. की इंक्वायरी आप करायेंगे कि यह सीक्रेट लीक कैसे हुआ। और मेरा दूसरा प्रश्न है कि क्या भारत सरकार पी टी ए के लिए लाइसेंस देने में दूसरों को भी तरजीह देगी और डी एम टी जो कंपनी चाहे बनाये उसको भी लाइसेंस दीजिए। इसमें आप बड़े घरानों का झगड़ा मत लाइये और एम पीज को मत बांटिये। इसमें मैं आप के जरिये जानना चाहता हूं कि

whether the Government's trend is to manufacture PTA or the DMT.

श्री चिठ्ठलभाई मोतीराम पटेल : उपसभाध्यक्ष जी, एक अखबार में कुछ खबर छपी। उस पर सवाल के जवाब में डिस्कशन किया जाता है। कई कंपनियों के बारे में बहुत बातें आती हैं, लेकिन उन के बारे में कोई बात उठाने की फिक्र नहीं

[श्री विट्ठलभाई मोतीराम पटेल]

करता। बांबे डाइंग की भी बात आयी थी, और भी कई कंपनियों की बात आई थी. हर एक की बात आयी है, लेकिन केवल रिलायंस का सवाल उठाया जाता है इसके पीछे हमारी गवर्नमेंट...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN) : I would wish to inform the hon. Member that no motive should be imputed. This is an important matter. Why a Member raises a particular point in his own view, and why he raises certain matter and why should he not raise it, is not something to be questioned by another Member. It will not be fair so, you move to your next point.

श्री विट्ठलभाई मोतीराम पटेल : मैं यह कह रहा था कि अखबार में कई चीजें आती हैं और पैंट्रियाट ने उनका जवाब दे दिया है। इंडियन एक्सप्रेस में जो छपा है उसका जवाब पैंट्रियाट ने दिया है। उसके बाद भी डिस्कशन करना क्या जरूरी था और खास कर यह उस कंपनी की बात है कि जो बहुत अच्छा काम कर रही है। उसका मैनेजमेंट भी बहुत अच्छा है। उसके बारे में इस प्रकार के सवाल ला कर उसके काम में रुकावट डालने का प्रयास करना है। यह ठीक नहीं होगा। पी टी ए इम्पोर्ट करता है और पी टी ए ने लाइसेंस के लिए 81 में एप्लाई किया था, यह कोई एक-दो महीने में नहीं मिला है। मैं तो यह कहूंगा कि कुलकर्णी जी ने जितने एलीगेशंस लगाये हैं वे अगर साबित न हों, जितने हमारे अधिकारियों के खिलाफ भ्रष्टाचार के आरोप लगाये हैं अगर वे साबित न हों तो कुलकर्णी जी क्या करेंगे? गाली देने का हम को अधिकार मिला गया है....

SHRI A.G. KULKARNI : I have my own privillege as a Member.

श्री विट्ठलभाई मोतीराम पटेल : यह जो प्रिविलेज हम को है तो इसका यह मतलब नहीं है कि हम किसी को भी करप्ट बोल दें।

SHRI A.G. KULKARNI : Let the Government institute a CBI enquiry. They will enquire into everything.

श्री विट्ठलभाई मोतीराम पटेल : पहले भी उठाया था, इंक्वायरी हुई थी तो कुछ नहीं निकला था। रिजर्व बैंक आफ इंडिया ने तलाश कर लिया है।

SHRI A.G. KULKARNI : How did you know that?

श्री विट्ठलभाई मोतीराम पटेल : हम को पता चला है कि कुछ नहीं निकला।

पहले इंक्वायरी हुई थी। बिजनेस हाउस का झगड़ा हमारे हाउस में नहीं होना चाहिए।

You can write a letter to the hon. Minister and he will enquire into it.

इस हाउस में हल्ला-गुल्ला मचाने की क्या जरूरत है। लेकिन इसके पीछे बिजनेस हाउस है। एक बिजनेस हाउस दूसरे बिजनेस हाउस को गिराना चाहता है और उनके डिबेंचर अगर बाजार में न जाएं....

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN) : I would like to point out to the hon. Member that every Member has a right to raise a matter which he thinks has relevance to the Government. It is for the Chairman to decide whether a particular matter has any relevance or not, in relation to the Government. If he thinks it is relevant, he will allow it by way of a question or a discussion. If he thinks it is not relevant, he will not allow it. It is the prerogative of the Chairman to allow or not to allow a matter and nobody can question.

श्री विट्ठलभाई मोतीराम पटेल : कुलकर्णी जी के जो आरोप हैं मैं उसी के बारे में कहना चाहूंगा कि गलत आरोप हाउस में नहीं लगाने चाहिएं। अगर साबित न हों तो उनको विड्रा करने चाहिएं।

श्री कल्पनाथ राय : आदरणीय उपसभाध्यक्ष जी, यह बड़े दुःख की बात है कि सदन का समय ऐसे सवालों पर नष्ट किया जा रहा है जिन सवालों का यहां कोई रिलेवेंस नहीं है। यह सारे हिन्दुस्तान को मालूम है कि बम्बई के दो उद्योगपति नसलीवाडिया और रिलायंस के धीरूभाई अम्बानी के बीच भारी झगड़ा है। दोनों एक दूसरे का गला काटने के लिए उतारू हैं। इस झगड़े के अंदर नसलीवाडिया के संबंध में दिन रात अपने अखबार का एक-एक पन्ना श्री रामनाथ गोयनका जो फ्री प्रेस के चैम्पीयन हैं, छापते रहते हैं। जब नसलीवाडिया के ऊपर कयोड़

रुपये का छापा पड़ा, हजारों इररेगुलरीटीज पकड़ी गईं तो उनकी चर्चा उनके अखबारों में नहीं होती थी। अखबारों में चर्चा होती है रिलायंस के धीरूभाई अम्बानी की जिनके खिलाफ इंडियन एक्सप्रेस के श्री रामनाथ गोयनका और नसलीवाडिया दोनों हैं। झगड़ा किस बात का है? झगड़ा इस बात का है जैसे मेरे मित्र ने कहा है, डी एम टी प्लांट अभी जो नसलीवाडिया ने हिन्दुस्तान में इम्पोर्ट किया है जिसके अंदर इनवाइसिंग का सवाल पूरे देश के सामने है, वह प्लांट जिस प्रोडक्ट को पैदा करता है इस प्रोडक्ट के खिलाफ धीरूभाई अम्बानी ने पी टी ए प्लांट को देश में इम्पोर्ट करने की इजाजत सरकार से ले ली। अगर पी टी ए प्लांट हिन्दुस्तान में लग जायेगा तो इससे डी एम टी प्लांट का जो प्रोडक्ट है वह पी टी ए के मुकाबले पिट जायेगा। डी एम टी प्लांट से पी टी ए के प्लांट का कपड़ा सस्ता है तो मैं यह जानना चाहता हूं कि पी टी ए के प्लांट के आने में कौन अड़ंगा डाल रहा है कि हिन्दुस्तान में इसे न लगाया जाए और दूसरा मैं यह जानना चाहता हूं कि सरकार पी टी ए प्लांट को कैंसिल करे इसी उद्देश्य से बाम्बे डाइंग का नसलीवाडिया जो एक फारेन नेशनल है, हिन्दुस्तान के नागरिक नहीं हैं, उस विदेशी नागरिक की वकालत बाम्बे डाइंग के लोग, विशेष रूप से श्री रामनाथ गोयनका, इंडियन एक्सप्रेस के मालिक और जो बाम्बे डाइंग से सम्बन्धित लोग हैं वे कर रहे हैं। श्रीमन्, क्योंकि यह सवाल आदरणीय श्री कुलकर्णी जी ने उठाया है, इसलिए मैं यह कहना चाहता हूं कि कुलकर्णी जी के बदर बाम्बे डाइंग के डायरेक्टर हैं। एक लाख बीस हजार रुपये तनख्वाह है। वे खुद पावर-लूम में हैं।

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN) : I will not allow it. It is not fair. His brother may be earning, he may be in Bombay Dyeing. The hon. Member has again and again said that he has nothing to do with him and you do not have a right to attribute motives against him. I do not think it is right.

SHRI KALPNATH RAI : I do not say anybody is saint. But I want to say one thing.

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA : It was only Bhindranwale about whom this was said.

SHRI KALPNATH RAI : I do not say this leader or that leader. I am saying that the whole episode is only in regard to PTA and DMT plants.

अप्पा साहब महाराष्ट्र में कोआपरेटिव सेक्टर में पावरलूम के बहुत बड़े नेता हैं। कोआपरेटिव सेक्टर में होते हुए उन्हें बाम्बे डाइंग और इस तरह के दूसरे सवाल नहीं उठाने चाहिए थे. . . (व्यवधान)

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI : On a point of order. For the information of Mr. Kalpnath Rai, I am working in a cooperative sector. I am director of a big cooperative spinning mill. I was president of a federation which had representation right from U.P. to Kerala. We have installed 63 cooperative spinning mills. We have no power looms in those cooperative spinning mills. Powerloom has nothing to do with the Bombay Dyeing or with Nusli Wadia or synthetic. They are of cotton powerlooms. Perhaps, you are saying something which somebody might have given you, but this a wrong thing. For heaven's sake, do not make wrong allegations. Whatever you want to say, you say, but do not make wrong allegations.

श्री कल्पनाथ राय : उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय, महाराष्ट्र के संसद सदस्य श्री गुरुदास कामत जी ने ये बातें मुझे दी हैं, मुझे बताई हैं।

SHRI A.G. KULKARNI : Can you name a Member of the Lok Sabha here?

श्री कल्पनाथ राय : आपने पूछा, इसलिए मैंने नाम बता दिया।

SHRI A.G. KULKARNI : If this is proved to be wrong, will Mr. Gurudas resign?

SHRI KALP NATH RAI : You better ask him.

SHRI A.G. KULKARNI : Why are you talking nonsense? Do not talk nonesense.

श्री कल्पनाथ राय : ये सब बातें तो भारत सरकार को तय करनी हैं. . . (व्यवधान)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN) : If I understood the hon Member, if I have followed him, it

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is normally the convention not to mention what has happened in Lok Sabha. It is not fair. Otherwise, they will start talking of what has happened in this House. The hon. Member cannot refer to anything that has transpired in the other House (*Interruptions*). If you have referred to the Member of Lok Sabha, you can do so. Probably, I could not follow that.

श्री कल्पनाथ राय : मैंने यह नहीं कहा है .... (व्यवधान)। मैंने लोक सभा की प्रोसिडिंग की बात नहीं कही। चूंकि अण्णा साहब ने पूछा, इसलिए मैंने बताया। मुझे इन्फारमेशन मिली थी ... (व्यवधान)

श्री अरविन्द गणेश कुलकर्णी : यह गलत है, आप गलत कह रहे हैं, यह मैं अर्ज कर रहा हूं।

श्री कल्पनाथ राय : गलत है तो आप कहिये। मैं तो यह निवेदन करना चाहता हूं कि भारत सरकार को तय करना है कि हिन्दुस्तान में सस्ता कपड़ा सरकारी क्षेत्र में बनेगा या पी. टी. ए. के माध्यम से बनेगा। उसको लाइसेन्स देना है। डी. एम. टी. के मुकाबले पी. टी. ए. के माध्यम से करेंगी या कैसे करेंगी, वह देखना उसका काम है। असल में ये दोनों उद्योगपति एक दूसरे के खिलाफ हैं और एक दूसरे को खत्म करना चाहते हैं। इस मामले में इंडियन एक्सप्रेस के श्री गोयन्का नसली वाडिया के साथ हैं। नसली वाडिया पर हजारों छापे डाले गये, लेकिन इंडियन एक्सप्रेस में यह खबरें नहीं छापी गईं। दूसरे के खिलाफ जो छापे डाले गये उनको खूब छापा गया, रात-दिन उनको छापा गया ... (व्यवधान) मैं यह कह रहा हूं कि नसली वाडिया पर जब हजारों छापे डाले गये तो उनकी खबरें इंडियन एक्सप्रेस में नहीं छापी गईं। वे एक विदेशी नागरिक हैं। उन्होंने जो पैसा ट्रांसफर किया उसकी चर्चा तक नहीं की गई। श्री गोयन्का जो अपने को फ्रीडम आफ दी प्रेस का चैम्पियन समझते हैं, उनके पेपर में ये बातें नहीं छपी। मैं यह कहना चाहता हूं कि यह भारत सरकार को तय करना है कि सस्ता कपड़ा किस क्षेत्र में दिया जाए। इसमें धीरू भाई अम्बानी, पी. एम. टी. या बाम्बे डाइंग या पी. एम. टी. का सवाल कहां आता है? जहां भी सरकार सस्ते कपड़े की प्रोडक्शन करना चाहती है, वह करेगी। ऐसे व्यर्थ के विवादों पर सदन का समय नष्ट नहीं करना चाहिए और न इन उद्योगपतियों के चक्कर में पड़ना चाहिए।

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आदरणीय उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं चाहता हूं कि सदन में ऐसे सवालों को उठाया जाए जिनसे भारत की जनता के पेट का रिश्ता हो, जिनसे मुल्क की भूखमरी का रिश्ता हो और जिनसे आम गरीब का रिश्ता हो। इन शब्दों के साथ मैं अपनी बात समाप्त करता हूं।

SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Sir, we should not criticise the press. Indian Express have a righ to criticise the Government, the Reliance, the politicians or anybody. He should appreciate the stand of the press. We should not criticise them; they have a right.

THE VICE CHAIRMAN (SHRI G SWAMINATHAN) : You have your stand and he has his stand. That is all.

SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY (ANDHRA PRADESH) : Mr. Vice Chairman, Sir, in this House I heard discussing something which I never expected. We expected the truth must come out, whatever it may be. That is all. We do not want any allegations-either by Mr. Kulkarni or by any other Member at all against each other.

SHRI A.G. KULKARNI : I have not alleged anything.

SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY : I am talking generally. Either by Mr. Kalpnath Rai or by Mr. Patel. We wanted to know the truth. That is all. We are interested in the problems of the common man who is hungry, who is a workers. So far as these companies are concerned, they are looting the people; they are creating a havoc in this country; they are bringing a loss to the nation. What I want is that truth must come out. We are not interested in any allegation against this man or that man. If any company, any management has committed a crime, they must be punished, whether it is Bombay Dyeing or Reliance or any other company.

One thing I would like to know why Government is so apathetic in replying to the questions. I do not know how they go

nto these question, how they clarify here is a question about this company. his question is dated 10th November 986 and the answer was given to starred uestion No. 91 The question is, whether overnment's attention has been drawn to he various articles published by the Ex- ress Group and so on. And the answer s, "Government has seen these press re- orts. In Hindi the answer is :

रकार ने इन प्रैस रिपोर्टों को नहीं देखा है

do not know whether the Hindi version s correct or the English version is correct. do not know what conclusion the govern- ent has really come to. We do not know. hat is why I want that truth must come ut. I suggest to Mr. Kulkarni not to esign. He said he would resign. Why hould he resign? He need not resign. But e should not join the Congress Party. I equest him not to join that-party. Why lo you resign? People have elected you.

SHRI A.G. KULKARNI : If there are me fools or nonsense talking people, it oes not bar me from joining the party, here I can be with Congress men with ome culture. Uncultured Congressmen— will not be with them.

SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY s a protest, don't join that party. My equest to the hon. Minister is, find out he truth whether it is referred to CBI or ome other committee. some machinery ust be there. Or a committee consisting f Members of Parliament should be cons- ituted to go into the truth of this matter. his is one suggestion I want to make. nyhow truth must come out; whoever is uilty must be punished and we must evote more time for the problems con- erning vast masses of this country who re hungry, who are poor, who are wor- ers.

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH Uttar Pradsh) : Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, was listening to the debate and I thought nstead of going to the main issue, we are ndulging in holding briefs for quarrelling apitalists. If they are economic offen- ers—whether it be Reliance or Wadia or nybody—they must be punished. So, if omebody exposes Reliance, I am for the xposer. I have no sympathy for Reliance r anybody. All must be punished. I am thankful to the Finance Minister and the Finance Ministry that a day has come when capitalists of this country are fighting like this. Let them go on fighting and reveal each other's mistakes like this and let us take benefit out of it. Therefore, I support the motion that Mr. Kulkarni brought here. It is not fair to impute motives to Mr. Kulkarni. He has done the right thing. It is a Member's right. A capitalist who has done misdeeds and who has been found guilty of economic misdeeds, must be exposed. Therefore, I am for the motion. I would request the Ministry that if Wadia or any other person commits such an economic offence, he must be exposed. Let us not hold a brief for anybody. We have no sympathy for their misdeeds. They are wrongdoers, they are exploiting the situation. These corrupt practise which they are introducing into business must be exposed. I say that serious action must be taken. While supporting this motion, I say, let such other motions come against other wrongdoers let Mr. Kalpnath Rai and others bring them. I will support them.

SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH : Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, a number of points have been raised and it is my duty to start from the beginning. Two raw materials which have often been mentioned by some of the honourable Members are PTA and DMT. These two are alternative raw materials for the manufacture of staple fibre. This country started with a plant production of DMT sometimes in 1973-74. A public sector undertaking by the name of IPCL started production of DMT in Baroda. Later on the Government of India gave licence to two other units—one to Bombay Dyeing and the other to the Bongaigaon Refinery and Petro-Chemicals Limited. As the years rolled by, the use of an alternative raw material, by the name of PTA, specially during the last decade, came into being and the world realized the better use of this alternative raw material. Therefore, in our country also we thought of introducing—as some of the Members have rightly said it—it because it is a better raw material or a raw material which will give better yield in the production of polyester fibre and so PTA was introduced. A licence to that effect was given to Reliance sometime in the eighties. They are yet to start production. It is expected that by

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mid-1987 they will start producing this polyester fibre from this raw material.

Mr. Kulkarni at the very outset mentioned three important matters which "I think, need clarification from the Ministry. One is about the paraxylene plant which, according to the honourable Member, was not licensed and he asked why Reliance was allowed to set up this paraxylene plant in spite of the fact that there was no licence given to this effect. I have answered this in reply to unstarred question No. 713 very recently, on the 10th of November, 1986 when the exact position has been answered. Sir, before elucidating this point, I may be allowed to read the exact words which have been given in the answer :

"The approvals for import of capital goods and for foreign collaboration for manufacture of PTA as well as for manufacture of paraxylene for captive consumption (I repeat the words 'captive consumption') were given to M/s. Reliance Industries in accordance with the procedure prevalent at that time."

Sir, at that particular time when the licence was given to the Reliance Industries, they were given the licence to produce PTA. At that particular time the question of producing paraxylene was like this. Paraxylene is a step backward. I mean it all starts from naphtha. From naphtha, you crack it, and then you get paraxylene. From paraxylene you get either DMT or PTA. In this case it is PTA. So, it is a step before the production of PTA. Therefore, the rules prevalent at this time allowed that paraxylene for the purpose of captive consumption could be established by the Reliance Industries. They do not need or did not need a special licence. The rules....

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI : Mr. Minister, it is a mismarriage in the sence that the first licence was given for PTA. They they applied for expansion, and in that they added paraxylene. So, paraxylene for captive production, I can understand. But the capacity combination of paraxylene and PTA is a mismarriage.

SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH : If I have to make an observation on whether we should have a different rule or whether this particular existing law is bad, that is a different matter. Government may examine this particular point. But I am only quoting that the rules prevalent at that particular moment when the industrial licence was given to Reliance, allowed them to set up this paraxylene plant. According to the rules there was no necessity for any company, leave alone Reliance, to come up to Government for a separate licence for production of paraxylene. This is the clarification that I am giving.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI : This is a different product, and an industrial licence is required.

SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH : I have said that this is an intermediate step.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN) : Please allow him.

SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH : Sir, paraxylene is an intermediate step It is on step before the production of PTA. As I have enumerated on the floor just now, it starts from naphtha. The next stage is the production of paraxylene. Then PTA or DMT.

The second point is about the catalyst. This also I have answered in reply to another unstarred question No. 712 of the same date. There was a comparison made, and I think it has been referred to by Kulkarniji also, that in the Salimpur plant it is only Rs. 32 lakhs, and that for Reliance the amount that has been agreed upon, that is for the import of catalyst, is Rs. 33.67 crores. Sir, it is true that the Government is considering Rs. 33.67 crores for Reliance. For the Salimpur plant which is to be set up in U.P., the licence was given only in the beginning of this year, that is to the PICUP. The UP Government has not even identified the joint sector partner. The question of applying to the Central Government, leave alone to this Ministry, for the catalyst or other chemicals does not arise because they have not even looked into the whole thing, and they have not even found a partner. Therefore, this is a mere conjecture. If it is only Rs. 32 lakhs or something, I do not know how this figure has come about. I

am sure, it will be a lot more than what it is. But, as I said Rs. 33.67 crores which is being considered for Reliance were proposed on the basis of a study made. The Department is looking into the whole thing, and it was to find whether this amount was necessary for the import of the catalyst. And I am sure, as and when an application is made in the case of the Salimpur plant, the same will be done.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI : May I ask you whether the Finance Ministry officia has objected and it is still being held up

SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH : That is right.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI : Say that. Don't say it has been sanctioned.

SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH : If you are going to intervene every time.... (*Interruptions*) Mr. Vice-Chairman, I have already replied to Mr. Kulkarni. I said it is true that the matter is still under consideration.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI : I wanted your reply. You should reply.

SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH : The Finance Ministry is looking into th aspect. Government official clearance has not been made yet. This is what I hav said in my reply already in 712. About...

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI : Captiv power plant.

The VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI G SWAMINATHAN) : Please let hir speak. If you make a running commentary, then he will find it difficult...

SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH : Mr. Jaswant Singh mentioned about th inquiry which was mentioned in Question No. 91. He wanted me to elucidate as to what sort of inquiry has been ordered. I may inform the House that a CBI inquiry has been ordered into this. I am sure we will soon have its report. I do not know how long it will take, but very recently a CBI inquiry has been ordered. I am sure all the aspects would be gone into it.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI : All aspects of the Indian Express article ?

SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH : I have covered more or less every point.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI : What y have to say about the 25 kw power plan How did you permit the BHEL to i crease its capacity. It has been said tha it was surrupriciously permitted. They say it is a gift.

SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH : Just one point I would like to clarify. I think Mr. Jaswant Singh mentioned abou the smuggling. I can assure the Members there was absolutely no smuggling done. What is the meaning of smuggling ? Smuggling would be something which is illegally brought into this country. There was nothing which was illegally brought in this country. I am confining to this aspect of Reliance which has been brought about by Shri Kulkarni. They had the clearance of the customs. Therefore, the question of smuggling never arose and never arises.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI : I didn't say smuggling : I said Rs. 25 crore worth of plant was given as a gift. Is it correc or not ?

SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH : As I said, the matter is being looked into There is a Committee which is lookin into it.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI : Through CBI inquiry ?

SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH : No, there is another Committee whic is looking into it. I can assure the Members that a technical Committee has bee appointed to look into this. They hav submitted a Report to the Governmen and the Government is examining this.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN) : The House stands adjourned to meet at 11 A.M. tomorrow, the 3rd December, 1986.

The House adjourned at eighteen minutes past Seven o the Clock till Eleven of the Clock on Wednesday, the 3rd December, 1986.